

CHAPTER 4

Regulatory Issues

Workers' Compensation Insurance

If you have employees, you must carry Workers' Compensation Insurance and bear the entire cost of that insurance. The Arizona Industrial Commission administers Workers' Compensation Insurance. The purpose of the insurance is to provide medical benefits and compensation to covered employees injured in work-related accidents.

You may choose to insure your employees through the State Compensation Fund by insuring with an authorized insurance carrier or by qualifying with the Arizona Industrial Commission as a self-insurer.

Workers' Compensation Fund *(For information on authorized insurance carrier)*

3030 N. 3rd St., Suite 110

Phone: (602) 631-2050

Phoenix, AZ 85012

Fax: (602) 631-2065

Web site: www.roc.cqnet.state.tx.us/arizona

Arizona Industrial Commission *(Regarding requirements to qualify as a self-insurer)*

800 W. Washington St.

Phone: (602) 542-4411

Phoenix, AZ 85007

Fax: (602) 542-3104

Web site: www.ica.state.az.us

Environmental Codes and Services

Mesa Fire Department

The Mesa Fire Department is responsible for ensuring compliance to local fire codes by local businesses. Compliance with fire codes is achieved in two ways:

1. Through the plan review of construction or development plans. Questions regarding this process should be directed to the Fire Plans Examiner located in Building Permits and Inspections. The Plans Examiner's hot line number is (480) 644-2312.

2. Through an ongoing business inspection program performed by the Mesa Fire Prevention Office. Questions concerning these inspections and codes requirements call (480) 644-2622 or the East Mesa Office at (480) 644-4533.

Maricopa County Environmental Services Department

1001 N. Central Ave., Suite 500
Phoenix, AZ 85004

Small Business Environmental Assistance Program

Phone: (602) 506-6750

Web site: www.maricopa.gov/sbeap

Fax: (602) 506-6669

e-mail: dwilcox@esenvmgt.maricopa.gov

The SBEAP is administered by the Maricopa County Environmental Services Department, assists small businesses that are or will be subject to requirements under the 1990 Federal Clean Air Act Amendment. The free program is available to help businesses comply through education and technical assistance, not enforcement. The program assists businesses with the Maricopa County air quality permits applicant process, work site evaluations, compliance solutions and pollution prevention strategies. It also provides emission inventory assistance, pollution prevention information and guides and industry-specific workshops.

Environmental Health Division (Restaurant and Food-Related Businesses)

Phone: (602) 506-6970

Web Site: www.maricopa.gov

Fax: (602) 506-6862

If you are opening a restaurant or any other type of establishment that serves food and drink, an Eating and Drinking Permit is required from the Maricopa County Environmental Health Department. Your business also must comply with Maricopa County rules and regulations established for food handlers and food facilities.

Arizona Department of Environmental Quality

3033 N. Central Ave.

Phoenix, AZ 85012

Web site: www.adeq.state.az.us

Phone: (602) 207-4881, (800) 234-5677

Fax: (602) 207-2251

This office has a special program to ensure that small businesses comply with environmental rules and regulations. The Compliance Assistance Program is separate from the inspection and enforcement divisions of the Department of Environmental Quality and is designed to relieve concern in dealing with a state regulatory agency for answers to environmental questions.

Mesa's Environmental Programs Division

20 E. Main St., Suite 450

Mesa, AZ 85201

Phone: (480) 644-3599

Fax: (480) 644-4774

This office is responsible for insuring compliance with local ordinances relating to stormwater pollution prevention and air quality. The staff is available to provide guidance and compliance assistance with local environmental ordinances and to help coordinate the resolution of other environmental issues, including but not limited to air quality and hazardous materials. Information regarding the storm water notice of intent also can be obtained from this office.



